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GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR Transacting the BUSINESS OF THE MILITARY FUND.

At a COURT OF DIRECTORS of the *East-India* Company.

October 3, 1770.

THE Court, having taken into Conſideration the Covenant between the *Eaſt-India* Company and the Right Honorable Lord CLIVE, for eſtabliſhing a Fund for the Relief of *European* Officers and Soldiers, Invalids or Superannuated, their Widows and the Widows of Officers, and Soldiers dying in the Service, *Reſolved*, that the following Rules and Regulations, founded on the ſaid Deed, and as nearly conformable as the Nature of it will admit, to the Regulations for paying the *Chelſea* Penſioners,

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ſioners, are proper to be obſerved in tranſacting the Buſineſs of this Fund, and that the Pay-Maſter thereof do govern himſelf thereby, in paying ſuch Penſions as ſhall be aſſigned upon the ſame.

I.

Taken from the Deed.

THAT every petitioning Officer and Soldier ſhall produce a Certificate from his Commanding Officer, of his being an Invalid, and rendered incapable of further Service in *India*, together with an Approbation of ſuch Certificate, by the Governor and Council of the Preſidency where ſuch Officer or Soldier ſhall have ſerved.

II.

Taken from the Deed.

THAT every Commiſſioned Officer ſhall previouſly make Oath before the Governor and Council, *viz.* A Colonel, that he or any Perſon in Truſt for him is not poſſeſſed of, or intitled to real and perſonal Eſtate to the Value of £4000—A Lieutenant Colonel of £3000—A Major of £2500—A Captain of £2000—A Lieutenant of £1000—and an Enſign of £750.

III.

Taken from the Deed.

THAT all Commiſſioned, Staff or Warrant Officers ſhall have half the ordinary ſtated Pay they enjoyed whilſt in Service.

IV.

The King's Artillery are paid in this Manner.

THAT Serjeants belonging to the Artillery ſhall receive Nine-pence *per* Day, and ſuch as have loſt a Limb One Shilling *per* Day; Private Men of the Artillery Six-pence *per* Day, and ſuch as loſe a Limb Nine-pence *per* Day.

V. THAT

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THAT all other Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men ſhall have Four-pence Three-Farthings *per* Day. *The ſame Pay as the* Chelſea *Penſioners receive.*

VI.

THAT all Officers and private Men ſhall be intitled from the Times of their reſpective Debarkations in *England*. *Taken from the Deed.*

VII.

THAT Commiſſioned Officers ſhall only be paid as their Penſions become due, and ſhall receive at the Company's Office in *London* only, either in Perſon, or by Power of Attorney, half yearly at *Midſummer* and at *Chriſtmas*. *The King's Officers are paid in a ſimilar Manner.*

VIII.

THAT Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men ſhall, immediately upon Admiſſion, be paid in Advance for the remaining Number of Days of the current half Year, and at the Expiration thereof every ſucceeding half Year in Advance. *The* Chelſea *Penſioners are paid in this Manner.*

IX.

THAT Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men, reſiding within Twenty-five Miles of *London*, ſhall be paid at the Company's Office in *London*, and not otherwiſe. *The ſame Regulation as is obſerved at* Chelſea.

X.

THAT ſuch Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men as reſide at a greater Diſtance from *London*, or in *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, be paid at ſuch Times, by ſuch Perſons, and in ſuch Manner, as the Court of Directors ſhall, from Time to Time, find convenient, in Perſon, and not otherwiſe. *Founded upon the* Chelſea *Regulations.*

XI. THAT

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This answers to the certified Copy of their Discharge given the Chelsea *Pensioners on Admission.*

THAT Non-Commissioned Officers and private Men shall receive on Admission a Certificate thereof, signed by the Pay-Master of this Fund, containing a Description of such Pensioner, his Age, and other Particulars; which Certificate the Pensioners shall exhibit to the Persons directed to pay them, each Time of Payment, and no Pension shall be paid, unless this Certificate is produced by the Pensioner.

XII.

The same Rule is observed with the Chelsea *Pensioners.*

THAT Country Pensioners shall receive in Advance for the first half Year, from *Midsummer* or *Christmas* next ensuing the Date of their Admission, on producing the above Certificate only to the Persons appointed to pay them; but immediately after receiving such first half-yearly Payment, every Pensioner shall make two Affidavits of the same Tenor and Date, before a Magistrate, conformably to the printed Instructions he shall receive from the Pay-Master of this Fund; one of which Affidavits must be transmitted to the said Pay-Master in *London*, in such Manner as the Court of Directors shall from Time to Time direct; the other must be exhibited to the Person that shall be empowered to pay him, together with the Pensioner's Certificate of Admission, which Vouchers will intitle such Pensioner to receive again in Advance, at the Expiration of the half Year. These Affidavits must be repeated, and sent to *London* twice a Year, immediately after *Midsummer* and *Christmas*.

XIII.

The Rule at Chelsea.

THAT no Pensioner shall be paid in the Country, unless the above-mentioned Affidavit has been timely received by the Pay-Master of this Fund in *London*.

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THAT if a Penſioner does not appear to claim his Penſion for three half Years, he ſhall be conſidered as dead, and his Name be omitted in the half-yearly Warrant; but if ſuch Penſioner ſhall afterwards appear perſonally at the Company's Office in *London*, or furniſh ſatisfactory Proof otherwiſe to the Court of Directors of his being alive, he ſhall again be put on the Liſt, and receive all Arrears.

XV.

THAT Widows of Commiſſioned Officers muſt lay be- *Taken from the Deed.*
fore the Court ſuch Evidence as to them ſhall ſeem reaſonable, that their Huſbands, under whom they derive their Claim, did not die poſſeſſed of real and perſonal Eſtate to the Amount ſpecified in Regulation the Second, according to their reſpective Ranks in the Service.

XVI.

THAT Widows of Commiſſioned Officers be paid in *The ſame as the Officers.*
Perſon, or by Power of Attorney, at the Company's Office in *London* only.

XVII.

THAT Widows of Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men ſhall prove their Marriage to the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors.

XVIII.

THAT Widows of Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men, reſiding within Twenty-five Miles of *London*, ſhall be paid at the Company's Office in *London* only; and thoſe who live at a greater Diſtance ſhall be paid in the ſame

Manner, and upon the ſame half-yearly Affidavits as the Men, and in either Caſe they ſhall receive in Perſon, and not otherwiſe, as in Articles XI. and XII.

XIX.

THAT the Penſions granted to Widows ſhall continue during their Widowhood, and no longer.

XX.

THAT the Penſions of Commiſſioned Officers and their Widows ſhall be paid neat, without any Fee or Deduction whatever.

XXI.

THAT the Penſions of ſuch Non-Commiſſioned Officers, and their Widows as receive in Perſon, in *London*, ſhall be paid neat, without any Fee or Deduction whatever.

XXII.

THAT ſuch of the Non-Commiſſioned Officers and private Men, and ſuch of their Widows as are paid in the Country, ſhall each Time allow One Shilling to the Perſon that pays them, for his Trouble.

XXIII.

THAT in Caſes of Inſanity, ſatisfactory Proof be made thereof to the Court of Directors, and the Penſion paid to a Church-Warden, in Behalf of the Pariſh, towards the Penſioner's Subſiſtence.

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PENSIONERS on the FUND eſtabliſhed for Relief of the Honorable *Eaſt-India* Company's MILITARY, &c.

All Non-Commiſſion Officers and private Soldiers admitted Penſioners on the above Fund, reſiding within Twenty-five Miles of *London*, muſt receive in Perſon at the Company's Office there; and ſuch as live at a greater Diſtance from *London* than Twenty-five Miles, as well as thoſe in *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, are hereby required and directed, that early in the Months of *April* and *October*, every Year, they do apply themſelves to one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of Peace in the Neighbourhood where they reſide, and make two Affidavits of the following Tenor, and of one Date (which Affidavits the Court of Directors of the *Eaſt-India* Company requeſt the ſaid Magiſtrate to ſign and date) *viz.*

came before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of and made Oath that he was admitted a Penſioner on the MILITARY FUND of the Honorable *Eaſt-India* Company, the Day of 17 was then aged about Years, and was diſcharged for and now lives in the Pariſh of in the County of

Sworn before me,
this Day of 17

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One of the two Affidavits drawn according to the above Form ſworn before, dated and atteſted by a Magiſtrate, is to be ſent by the General Poſt, directed ('till further Orders) "To the Pay-"Maſter of the Honorable *Eaſt-India* Company's Military Fund, "at the *Eaſt-India-Houſe*, London;" the other Affidavit, of the ſame Tenor and Date, the Penſioner muſt keep to ſhew, together with his Certificate of Admiſſion, ſigned by the Pay-Maſter, to the Perſon who ſhall be empowered to pay him in the Country.

The above-mentioned Affidavits muſt be made and tranſmitted to *London* in *April* and in *October*, ſo as to be received by the Company's Pay-Maſter full two Months before the 25th of *June* and the 25th of *December* reſpectively. They muſt be drawn on one Piece of Paper, big enough to fold up in Form of a Letter, and the above Direction wrote on the Back thereof, to avoid unneceſſary Expence of Poſtage.

No Penſioner will be paid unleſs the above-mentioned Affidavit has been timely received, twice a Year, by the Pay-Maſter of this Fund in *London*; nor unleſs the other Affidavit of the ſame Date, as well as the Certificate of Admiſſion, are produced by the Penſioner every Time of Payment.

All Penſioners are to take particular Notice, that neither the Whole nor any Part of their Penſion Money will be paid at any Time, nor under any Pretence whatever, to any other Perſon or Perſons than themſelves only. Conſequently they cannot commiſſion or empower any one to receive for them; and no Receipts, Acknowledgements, or Aſſignments for Money any Penſioner may borrow on his Penſion will be diſcharged, or paid any Regard to, by the Pay-Maſter of this Fund. But proper Care will be taken that the Penſioners themſelves ſhall be regularly paid twice a Year, in whatever Part of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, they may reſide, provided they duly obſerve the Orders and Directions contained in theſe Inſtructions.

Every Penſioner who receives in the Country, is to allow One Shilling each Time of Payment, to the Perſon he is paid by.